

# **Developmental Disabilities Council**

## **Reading Cover Page**

**Date:** March 20, 2008

**Meeting:** Public Policy Committee

**Reading Number:** 08 – PP - 03

**Issue:** Congressional Committees and Assignments

**Included in Reading:**

The attached Table shows the committee assignments for Washington State's US Senators and Representatives

**Background/Summary:**

Committee members felt they could be more effective advocating on federal issues if they had a list that showed the committee assignments of our 2 US Senators and 9 US Representatives.

Additionally, the table briefly describes the area of jurisdiction or topics covered by each committee.

**Action:**

Discussion. No action is needed at this meeting.

## **2008 Committee Assignments of US Senators and Representatives from Washington State**

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Committee Assignments</b>	<b>Sub-committee Assignments</b>	<b>Committee Jurisdiction</b>
Rep. Jay Inslee (D) 1st District Puget Sound	Energy and Commerce	Telecommunications/Internet Energy and Air Quality Oversight and Investigations Select Committee on Energy and Global Warming	Research and development, consumer protection, health facilities, exploration-production-marketing of energy
	Natural Resources	National Parks, Forests, Lands	Use and development of natural areas
Rep. Rick Larsen (D) 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Northwestern	Armed Services	Terrorism, Threats, Capabilities Strategic Forces	Pentagon and Military administration, policy, and resources, nuclear material
	Small Business	Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship Regulation, Health Care and Trade	Access to loans, tax relief, revenue, reduce paperwork
	Transportation and Infrastructure	Highways, Transit, Pipelines	Railroads, waterways, highways, pipelines, GPS and satellites,
Rep. Brian Baird (D) 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Southwestern	Transportation and Infrastructure	Coast Guard and Maritime Water Resources and Environment Highways, Transportation, and Pipelines	Railroads, waterways, highways, pipelines, GPS and satellites
	Science and Technology	Research and Education Oversight and Investigations	Non-defense scientific research and development, NASA, and Weather
Rep. "Doc" Hastings (R) 4 <sup>th</sup> District Central	Rules	Rules and Organization.	Controls committee structure, the flow of legislation, final agreements, and amendments.
	Standards of Official Conduct		Known as the ethics committee to deal with standards of ethical behavior

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Rep. Cathy Mc Morris (R) 5 <sup>th</sup> District Eastern	Armed Services  Education and Labor  Natural Resources		Pentagon and Military administration, policy, and resources, nuclear material  Early Childhood, K-12, higher Ed, labor practices, pensions, workforce protection, health, and healthy families, No Child Left Behind Act Use and development of natural areas
Rep. Norm Dicks (D) 6 <sup>th</sup> District Western	Appropriations  Homeland Security	Interior Appropriations Defense Interior and Environment Military Construction/VA	Controls amount of funding for federal agencies. Natural resources & Indian Affairs  Intelligence, info sharing, emerging threats, cyber security, preparedness
Rep. Jim McDermott (D) 7 <sup>th</sup> District Seattle Metro Area	Ways and Means	Human Resources Trade	Taxes, customs, trade agreements, all revenue measures, bonded indebtedness, social security, SSI, Tanf, child welfare
Rep. Dave Reichert (R) 8 <sup>th</sup> District Parts of King & Pierce Counties	Homeland Security  Transportation and Infrastructure  Science and Technology		Intelligence, info sharing, emerging threats, cyber security, preparedness  Railroads, waterways, highways, GPS and satellites  Non-defense scientific research, NASA, and Weather Service
Rep. Adam Smith (D) 9 <sup>th</sup> District I - 5 Corridor with parts of Pierce and Thurston Co.	Armed Services  Foreign Affairs	Terrorism, Threats, Capabilities  Asia, the Pacific, and Global Environmental Africa and Global Health	Pentagon and Military administration, policy, and resources, nuclear material Relationships with Foreign Nations, boundaries, diplomats, declaration of war, International economic policy

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Sen. Maria Cantwell (D)	Energy & Natural Resources  Commerce, Science, and Transportation  Finance Indian Affairs  Small Business and Entrepreneurship		National Energy Policy, nuclear waste  Highways, maritime, sports, civil air issues  Trade agreements, Social Security, national debt, revenue measures  Access to loans, tax relief, revenue, reduce paperwork
Sen. Patty Murray (D)	Appropriations  Budget Health, Ed. Labor, Pension  Rules and Administration  Veterans Affairs	Transportation , Housing and Urban Development	Writes the nations housing and transportation budget  Drafts annual budget on revenues and spending not specific department budgets or appropriation for new laws  Organizational issues of Senate, Federal elections, assigns office space, administers capitol and Senate buildings  Pensions, rehabilitation and education of veterans, veterans administration and hospitals, and national cemeteries